Research Guides: Where to Begin?

Featured on the Medical Center Library's website are guides to assist researchers in specific subject areas or on special topics.

Research Guides are available on topics such as Cancer, Dentistry, EndNote, Nursing, Public Health, Psychiatry, UpToDate, Pharmacy, Pediatrics, and the NIH Public Access Policy, among others. Feel free to contact the Liaison featured on the guide for in-depth assistance in choosing helpful resources.

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The Medical Center Library features subscription databases, electronic journals, and e-books for research in all health sciences disciplines. In addition, off-campus access to resources provide information and research assistance when and where you need it. The Library is located on the first floor of the William R. Willard Medical Education Building adjacent to the College of Dentistry.

**Databases**

Online databases permit users to search hundreds of journals, electronic books, and conference proceedings in focused searches on a specific topic. Seamless access to the Library's own e-journals is convenient, on or off-campus.

**Journals**

The Medical Center Library has access to thousands of journals, many in electronic format and available on and off-campus. Personalized email alerts of newly published issues and tables of contents can be set up by users. If you’re looking for a specific journal, or just all journals by category, there is a convenient link on the Library’s website that will guide you to the correct database or to our document delivery service if the title is not available at the MCL.

**Follow us on . . .**

UKMCL’s Twitter feed features announcements of new and updated research resources as well as news items of interest in the health sciences. Our Facebook presence is an expanded forum for discussion of new resources and comments.

**Mobile Resources**

The MCL can provide guidance and assistance with accessing those Library databases which are optimized for mobile devices as well as share information about some of the more popular free “apps” used by students in a clinical setting. A special guide is available at http://libguides.uky.edu/mclmobile

**E-Book Collections**

Hundreds of e-books are provided by well-known vendors such as Stat!Ref, PsychiatryOnline, and AccessMedicine. These e-books are of interest to a variety of health sciences disciplines such as dentistry, nursing, and public health. Titles are organized by category and alphabetically. All e-books can be searched by topic within the respective database collection, and are easily viewed on an iPad.

**Classes**

Classes are scheduled in the MCL’s classroom each semester on a variety of topics, such as introductions to public health resources, nursing resources, PubMed and Medline, and EndNote for the health sciences, among others. A link to the current schedule is located on the left sidebar of the MCL’s website. Classes can also be scheduled by request, and librarians are available to visit your classes and meetings to discuss resources in the various health sciences. A link to the list of liaison librarians to the various colleges, departments, and groups is also found on the left sidebar of the MCL’s website, http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/MCL

**Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery Services**

The UK Medical Center Library’s Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We provide Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery services free of charge to all UK Medical Center faculty, staff, and students. The intent of the service is to fill gaps in the collection and/or obtain items needed for research or patient care.

**UK Off-campus Users**

Alumni, current UK faculty, staff, students, and community faculty not physically located on the UK campus are considered to be off-campus users. Access to Library resources are available to authorized users via the UK proxy server.

**University Libraries**

In addition to the Medical Center Library, the University of Kentucky library system maintains a humanities, social sciences and life sciences collection in William T. Young Library as well as subject libraries in several colleges and departments around campus. Each library holds materials related to the particular discipline it serves. These materials and their locations are listed in InfoKat, the Libraries' online catalog. This catalog is also available within the UKMobile app in iTunes U.